



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Domestic violence is a crime and a major public concern for our nation and state; and
- WHEREAS: All individuals have a basic right to safety from harm by others. Domestic violence may affect any individual regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic background, education level, or occupation; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic violence violates the safety, security, and humanity of those affected and can have devastating and long-term effects on victims, as well as their families, communities, schools, and places of work; and
- WHEREAS: Children raised in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a higher rate than the national average; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia communities deserve to be safe and protected from domestic violence. The State of Georgia, in collaboration with local government and community organizations, is committed to supporting victims and holding perpetrators accountable in order to end domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for all citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and encourage citizens of our state to work together to eliminate violence from our community.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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